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1. (thrice amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to nucleobases 3314 through 3333 of a coding region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding MEKK4 of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with said region and inhibits the expression of MEKK4.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-15 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-15 have been rejected. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

I. Election/Restriction

The Examiner suggests that claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-15 have been amended such that they are directed to a non-elected invention. Specifically, the Examiner suggests that the claims have been amended to refer to antisense targeted to two sequences, SEQ ID NO's 10 and 11, which were not included in the scope of the claims as originally presented. Applicants have amended claim 1, and by dependency claims 2, 4-10 and 12-15, to remove the reference to SEQ ID NO: 10 and SEQ ID NO: 11.